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1. It is now quite clear that the loss of the four sailors at sea was only a pretext for relieving Meissner of command of the MS BATORY.
2. The Party has ruled that Meissner is to be held responsible for a general slackening of discipline on board. This indictment completely changes the charge inasmuch as it comes under the political heading of "sabotage".
3. Pszenny, the first officer and a good Party member who has not been troubled so far, was taken off the ship just before she sailed for India on 27 February and will act as the chief witness at the forthcoming trial.
4. Pszenny, who was on the bridge when the four sailors were washed overboard, is most unhappy at the turn of events, as he is afraid that his culpability may be revealed and that he will have to answer for his negligence. He hopes that his Party connections will pull him through, but this largely depends on the composition of the court.

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